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EDUCATION

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**State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law**  
**J.D.** **1988**

Independent Study Paper: "Dispute Resolution in the NHL"  
Produced under the guidance of Professors Fred Konefsky and Dianne Avery  
and UB Law alumni/Bufalo Sabres General Manager Gerry Meehan

**Honors:** Prentice-Hall Tax Prize; Honors grades awarded in substantial majority of coursework  
including tax, corporations, labor and arbitration courses

**Harvard/Radcliffe College**  
**A.B. in Government magna cum laude** **1985**

Honors Thesis: "Roe v. Wade and The Evolving Struggle to Define Life" under the supervision of  
former U.S. Solicitor General Archibald Cox

**Honors:** President Eliot Medal (for contributions to undergraduate life)

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Recipient Ken Joyce Award for Excellence in Teaching and** **2013**  
**Longstanding Service to the Law School**  
State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law

**Faculty Honorary Coach** **2016**

State University of New York at Buffalo Athletic Department Honor

**State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law**  
**Adjunct Professor – Developed, updated, refined and taught multiple** **1996-Present**  
**law courses:**

"Sports Law I: The Fundamental Issues & Rules of the Game"

Introductory survey course covering basic principles of amateur and  
professional sports, including topics ranging from NCAA regulation, Title IX  
and labor relations in professional sports

"Professional Sports Contract Negotiation & Arbitration" **1997-Present**

Advanced role-playing seminar in which students research, negotiate and argue salary arbitration  
cases for professional athletes

"Sports Law II: The Sports Industry in Law & Practice" **1999-Present**

Secondary-level course in which students research and draft components of a complex professional  
sports franchise transaction

"Drug Testing in Professional Sports" **2005-Present**

In-depth seminar comparing and contrasting drug testing in amateur and professional sports,  
culminating with student research papers on individual topics of interest in field

**Faculty Advisor, University at Buffalo Sports & Entertainment Law Society**

- Established externship with SUNY Buffalo Athletic Department
  - Provided training for student representatives in amateur athlete eligibility issues to facilitate effective representation by student representatives in Student Judiciary Conduct Board matters;
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- Ongoing ad hoc collaboration with SUNY Buffalo Athletic Department to provide students with hands-on experience in refining various policies and approaches in response to evolving issues such as freedom of expression policies applying to student-athletes, social media concerns and addressing conflicts arising from discriminatory legislation affecting LGBT and transgender individuals

***State University of New York at Buffalo Business School***

**Adjunct Professor**

"Legal Aspects of Sports"

**2016**

Undergraduate course for students minoring in sports business administration, introducing elemental legal concepts in professional and amateur sports

**PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA & RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**The Docket:**

Author

"To Protect The Shield: Combatting Domestic Violence in the NFL"  
SUNY Buffalo School of Law Law Review, Spring 2015

**Sportsnet.ca**

**"Defector: The Alex Mogilny Story"**

Legal Consultant

Provided legal and historical information and analysis for Rogers Communications documentary on defection of Soviet hockey player Alexander Mogilny. Participated in filming of program broadcast nationally in Canada 11/25/14

**Bloomberg/BNA Big Law Business**

Columnist on Sports Law Issues

Contributor of legal analysis of current sports law issues and their impact upon the law and business of sports. Continuing

**Sports Law Expert**

Quoted in numerous national print, media and on-line sources, including The Washington Post, USA Today, ESPN, The International Business Times and The New York Daily News on issues ranging from player discipline and domestic violence to Deflategate and the regulation of daily fantasy sports.

**Erie County Bar Association: "After Further Review: Critical Issues in Sports Law"**

Speaker

Presenting on emerging issues in collegiate athletics, including licensing, unionization, eligibility and concussions, Buffalo New York 11/6/15

**The Minority Bar Assoc. of Western New York, Inc. & The Buffalo Sports & Entertainment Law Association:**

**"Sports and Entertainment Law: Perspectives from the Sports Agent, League In-House Counsel and the Entertainment Lawyer"**

Speaker

Panel presentation upon current issues in professional and amateur sports reflecting the diverse perspectives of different counsel roles, Buffalo New York 10/20/15

**NYSBACLE: Introduction to Sports Law**

Panelist

Panel presentation of sports law practitioners addressing the opportunities for practice in the field of sports law including areas of specialization and levels of engagement ranging from youth club to professional international sporting entities, New York State Bar Association, New York, NY 9/24/12

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**Title IX Turns 40**

Keynote Speaker

CLE Presentation sponsored by The 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Committee on Gender and Racial Fairness, the WNY Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and The Women Lawyers of Western New York, 8/4/12

**Pursuing Career Opportunities in Professional and Amateur Sports**

Moderator & Speaker

Panel presentation of sports law practitioners from diverse backgrounds ranging from amateur regulation to professional sports agency and professional league and team representation sponsored by SUNY Buffalo School of Law Career Development Office, 3/5/10

**Amateur & Professional Sports: Opportunities for Advancement**

Keynote Speaker

Sponsored by SUNY Buffalo School of Law Sports & Entertainment Law Society, 11/10/2010

**Preparing for a Career in Professional or Amateur Sports**

Principal Speaker

Presentation & panel discussion concerning avenues of opportunity for developing a career in sports law and related fields. Sponsored by SUNY Buffalo School of Law Sports & Entertainment Law Society, 3/10/09

***Girls4VarsityHockey Association***

**Coordinator**

**2006-Present**

Founding member, point person and coordinator for three year regional effort to establish girls varsity ice hockey league in Western New York; presented to multiple school boards and coordinated grassroots level actions involving ten parent groups to provide impetus for establishing girls varsity ice hockey league; organized and administered countless meetings to counsel and assist parents and athletes in effort; responsible for fundraising, presentation of exhibition games and media management. Served as primary liaison with Williamsville District officials.

***Williamsville Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Booster Club***

**President**

**2010-Present**

Liaison with Williamsville School District and three high schools; responsible for coordinating fundraising efforts, assisting coaches and generally providing support to team.

***Niagara Frontier Hockey, LLP (Buffalo Sabres)***

**Associate Counsel and Assistant Secretary to the Partnership**

**1993 -1996**

- Served as associate in-house counsel and corporate officer to National Hockey League team, providing a variety of legal services including player, coach, general manager and other personnel contract negotiation and arbitration services.
- Negotiation and drafting of multiple complex agreements related to the financing and construction of a new facility and NHL approval of same; responsible for synchronization of agreements reflecting public-private cooperative financing of facility;
- Handling of general corporate, financial, labor and immigration matters; served as liaison with NHL League counsel on a variety of matters, including antitrust, labor and financing issues.

***Cohen, Swados, Wright, Hanifin, Bradford & Brett***  
**Associate Attorney**

**1987-1993**

- Served as primary attorney assisting Robert O. Swados, Counsel and Secretary to the NHL and Counsel and Secretary to Niagara Frontier Hockey, LLP;
- Assisted in drafting criteria for three series of NHL expansions;
- Evaluated NHL expansion applications for conformity to NHL expectations and potential legal issues;
- Prepared market analyses and facility lease information for assessment of NHL expansion applicants;
- Assisted in drafting, negotiating and implementing numerous documents related to NHL expansion, including Expansion Membership Agreement and ancillary documents for NHL expansion teams in San Jose, Tampa Bay, Ottawa and Anaheim;
- Coordinated expansion franchise closings;
- Assisted in review of all pertinent documents for every major transaction involving an NHL franchise between 1987 and 1993, including franchise transfers, refinancings and facility construction matters;
- Researched, drafted and implemented restructuring of NHL Enterprises (NHL marketing subsidiary) for international tax efficiency;
- Researched and assisted in drafting and implementation of tax-driven conversion of professional hockey club S corporation to an LLP;
- Researched and drafted asylum documentation for Alexander Mogilny, defecting hockey player from USSR Red Army Team;
- Served as counsel for both salary and grievance arbitration matters for NHL club;
- Researched, drafted and argued numerous personnel-related administrative proceedings in multiple states on behalf of Fortune 500 client;
- Provided general labor, immigration and corporate counsel to a variety of clients;
- Prepared and presented several seminars on disability discrimination.

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**VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

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- Williamsville Central School District Shared Decision Making Team (District Chairperson)
  - Williamsville Central School District Curriculum Council
  - Williamsville Central School District Professional Development Committee (2013-2014)
  - Team Leader Kids' Day for The Buffalo News, 2000-present
  - Coordinator Jeffrey Modell Foundation Kids Day Buffalo for children with Primary Immune Deficiency, 2005-Present
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## MEMBERSHIPS

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- Sports Lawyers Association
- Member, NYSBA, Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section
- Harvard Alumni Association
- Harvard Club of Western New York Board of Directors
- Harvard Club of Western New York Schools & Scholarship Committee
- UB Law School Alumni Association
- UB Alumni Association
- President, Williamsville Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Booster Club
- Member, Williamsville East Girls Field Hockey Booster Club
- Catechist, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary R.C. Church, Williamsville NY
- PTA volunteer, Transit Middle & Williamsville East High Schools

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## PERSONAL

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Spouse: Paul D. Meosky, Chair, Environmental Law Department, Hodgson Russ, LLC  
J.D. Yale Law School 1988; AB Notre Dame 1985

Children:

Nell Meosky Luo  
A.B. Yale 2014  
Founder & CEO Folia Health  
Cambridge, MA

Paul T. Meosky  
A.B. Harvard 2016  
Gates Fellowship Masters Candidate in English Literature  
Cambridge, England

Theresa E. Meosky  
Candidate for B.S. Cognitive Science  
SUNY Buffalo 2018

Joseph P. Meosky  
Candidate for B.S. Business Administration  
SUNY Buffalo 2020

Maureen C. Meosky  
Williamsville East High School Class of 2019

Margaret E. Meosky  
Transit Middle School Grade 8

Colleen B. Meosky  
Transit Middle School Grade 6

Interests:

sports, especially women's ice hockey; education policy at all levels, children, animals, antique & performance autos